Focus

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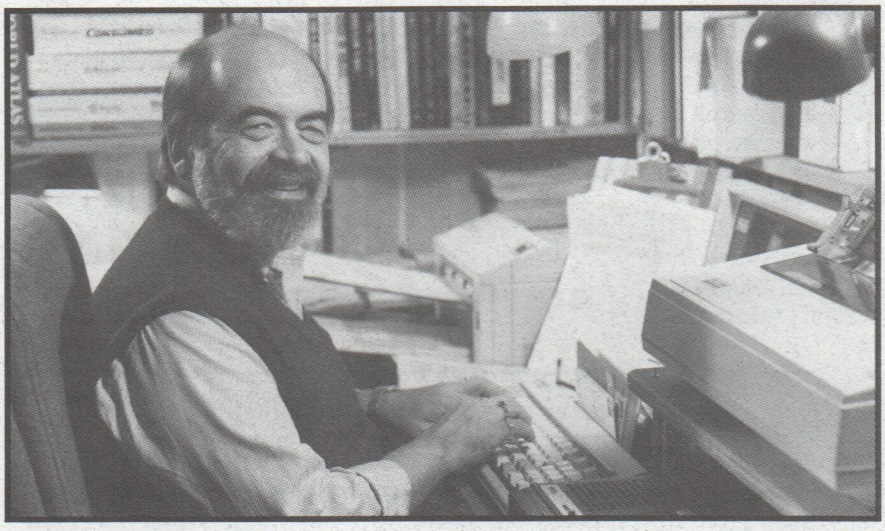
Morton Grove Public Library

Celebrate Morton Grove Centennial / Library Week

Visit the Morton Grove Public Library during National Library Week, April 9 – 15, and leave your mark in history! Stop in to sign our 40-foot banner "Making History Today" with your name and a short message. See the banner in the Morton Grove 4th of July Parade and in the Baxter Room during July and August. Other activities during Centennial/ Library Week include a dramatic presentation (see article below); a showing of *Remembering Eye,* a history of Niles Township; and *Walking in Time,* the Morton Grove centennial video. Both videos will be shown Tuesday, April 11 at 11:30 a.m. For a musical treat in several languages, join the Adam Mickiewicz Choir of Morton Grove in the Baxter Room, Wednesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. Look around the Library, too, for samples of local talent and history throughout the month of April. Check the front lobby display case for Native American artifacts found in the area.



Children's author and publisher Jim Lehman prepares his next manuscript.

"Memories of Old Morton Grove"

Relive some distant memories of Morton Grove history with Barb Todd on Sunday, April 9 at 2 p.m. Taking her cues from monologues recorded in 1978, Ms. Todd presents "Memories of Old Morton Grove" as seen through the eyes of three Morton Grove matrons: Gertrude Lochner, Mildred Orphan and Myrtle Bixler.

In the one-hour presentation, Ms. Todd dramatizes the lives of these women from their ancestral beginnings in Europe to the time they made Morton Grove their hometown.

See the Other Side of the Book Business

Meet Authors, Publishers, Writers at Inside Writing & Publishing

Attention aspiring authors, promising publishers! During March and April, six North Suburban Library System libraries present *Inside Writing and Publishing,* a series of free seminars for those interested in the writing and publishing process.

Morton Grove Public Library hosts **Jim Lehman**, author of *The Saga of Shakespeare Pintlewood and the Great Silver Fountain Pen* and *The Owl and the Tuba.* Mr. Lehman will speak about writing books for children, **Wednesday, March 1**.

Greeting card writer **Joan Harpham** addresses styles of cards, how to spot trends while avoiding fads and where to submit your work, **Wednesday, March 15**. Since 1979, Ms. Harpham has written verse for 35 national and international greeting card firms.

Eliot Wineberg publishes *Chicago Runner Magazine,The Amateur Athlete* and a book, *Chicagoland Trail Guide,* from his office in Skokie. He addresses "Self-Publishing," **Wednesday, March 29**.

All MGPL programs begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Baxter Room.

Other topics covered in the series include "Television Journalism & Romance," "Writing Mysteries," "Freelancing," "Contemporary Romance," and "Humor." For a full schedule of speakers, stop by the Library for an *Inside Writing and Publishing* brochure.

MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. (Sept.-May) 1 - 5

The Library will be closed Easter Sunday, April 16.

Mark your calendar!

All programs are free of charge and open to everyone.

Calendar Summary

March

3/1	We	7:00	*Inside W & P*: Jim Lehman
3/7	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
3/7	Tu	7:00	Home Buying in the 90s
3/9	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
3/10	Fr	10:00	New Book Showcase
3/13	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Forrest Gump* PG-13 (142 min)
3/14	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
3/14	Tu	7:00	Book Discussion Group
3/15	We	7:00	*Inside W & P*: Joan Harpham
3/19	Su	2:00	Morton Grove Jazz Ensemble
3/21	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
3/23	Th	7:00	Legacy of Women
3/28	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
3/29	We	7:00	*Inside W & P*: Eliot Wineberg

April

4/1	Sa	1:00	Circus of Books
4/3	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
4/5	We	7:00	Living Trusts
4/9-15			Centennial/Library Week
4/9	Su	2:00	*Memories of Old Morton Grove*
4/10	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Quiz Show* PG-13 (133 min)
4/11	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
4/12	We	7:00	Adam Mickiewcz Choir
4/13	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
4/14	Fr	10:00	New Book Showcase
4/16	Su		Closed for Easter
4/18	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
4/19	We	7:00	Why Call Them Golden
4/25	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies

Programs

March

Home Buying in the 90s - Panel presentation led by Terry Anderson and Linda Hoffman of Century 21 Marino Real Estate, Inc. A loan officer, a home inspector and an attorney will be available to answer questions. **Tues. 3/7 at 7:00 p.m.**

Thinking Out Loud: Book Discussion Group - Meet to discuss Peter Hoeg's *Smilla's Sense of Snow*, a suspense novel set in Copenhagen. Coming up in May is Pulitzer Prize winner, *The Shipping News* by E. Annie Proulx. Copies of both titles are available at the Reader's Service desk. **Tues. 3/14 7:00 p.m.**

Concert: Morton Grove Jazz Ensemble - Conductor Ron Surace leads a 20-piece jazz band for some great classical and contemporary jazz sounds. **Sun. 3/19 2:00 p.m.**

The Legacy of Women: Mother/Daughter Relationships and Other Voices That Shape Our History - For Women's History Month, Karol Verson discusses that special female relationship and shows the video "Grandma Was a Suffragette." Ms. Verson owns Legacy of Life Productions which creates life narrative and family history tapes. **Thurs. 3/23 7:00 p.m.**

April

Seminar: Living Trusts - Attorney Chester Przyblo reduces the complex legal principles of trust, probate and taxes into understandable concepts to help with estate planning. **Wed. 4/5 7:00 p.m.**

Concert: Adam Mickiewcz Choir - Children from the North Shore Language School in Morton Grove share songs in Chinese, English, French, and Polish. Henry Targos directs this multilingual, multi-cultural choir. **Wed. 4/12 7:00 p.m.**

Why Call Them Golden: Images of Aging in the Press - Christopher Corrado, founder and publisher of *Fifty and Better* magazine, addresses the media's methods of encouraging stereotypes of this age bracket. Samples of advertising or articles that focus on maturing audiences are welcome in this participatory evening. **Wed. 4/19 7:00 p.m.**

Having trouble hearing at our programs? - Three assistive-hearing devices are available at the Library for patrons to use during programs and events. Listenaiders amplify sounds for better recognition. Borrow one at the Reader's Service desk.

All programs held at the Library are free of charge and open to everyone. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call 708-965-4220, TDD 965-4236.

Films

March

Forrest Gump In this hit film, Tom Hanks plays a child of the 50s with an IQ of 75. After removing leg braces, Gump becomes a running star. Sally Field portrays his determined mother, while Robin Wright plays a frail, suicidal friend. PG-13 (142 min) **Mon. 3/13, 11:00am, 2:30pm & 7:00pm**

April

Quiz Show Robert Redford directs this reenactment of the 50s quiz-show scandal when answers were spoonfed to contestants (John Turturro, Ralph Fiennes) to guarantee higher ratings. PG-13 (133 min) **Mon. 4/10, 11:00am, 2:30pm & 7:00pm**

Art Exhibits

Baxter Room

March - Jody Levine provides impressionistic-style photos of flowers and plants in both black & white and color.

April - Morton Grove Art Guild members share their current works.

Lobby Display Case

March, April, May - See what history left behind! Several area residents share their collections of Native American artifacts found in the Morton Grove area.

Library Favorites

Lunch Time Movies

Every Tuesday at 11:30 am, the Morton Grove Public Library screens 1½ hours of videos. Travel near and far, listen to beautiful music, meet fascinating people. Bring a brown-bag lunch and join us for a friendly and interesting mealtime.

New Book Showcase

Be the first one to see what's new at the Library. The second Friday of each month, we preview the latest Library acquistions. **Fridays, March 10 and April 14.**

Kids Programs

Battle of the Books

The Battle is on for 7th and 8th grade students from Parkview, Golf, Gemini and East Prairie. Each team consists of four students, a timekeeper, and alternates. During the meets students are quizzed with timed questions about books from a 50-item booklist. Cheer on your team Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at 4:00 pm.

Circus of Books

Save **Saturday April 1, 1:00 - 4:00 pm** for a day at the circus (no fooling!). Clowns, balloons, games, and prizes are only part of the fun at MGPL's fourth annual fun-filled family day. Join Patches the clown for some wonderful magic. Enjoy popcorn and lemonade in the craft room. Pick up your tickets at the Circulation Desk before you head down to the "Big Top" to join in the fun.

Dinosaur Derby

The dinosaurs are racing to the finish line! Teams of 18 readers have been off and running since January. For every 25 points recorded, readers pick a prize from our dinosaur jar. The game continues through Saturday, April 29. Then, the winning team and all readers who have earned 300 points are invited to the Dinosaur Derby party **Saturday, May 13, 11:30 - 1:30.** These super readers will be treated to a pizza lunch and will be eligible for raffle prizes. Check out the great prizes now in the Children's Room showcase.

Children's Classes

Register March 6 for MG residents, March 13 for non-residents

Spring session begins March 27

Pre-School Storytime
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:

Monday	1:00 pm
Tuesday	1:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am
Thursday	6:45 pm

Class limit – 30

Library Playtime for 2½ Year Olds & Parents
Please choose one of the following:

Thursday	10:30 am
Friday	10:30 am

Class limit – 12 children and 12 parents

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00pm
Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts

Grades 1-3 Mon.	4:00 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri.	4:00 pm

Class limit – 15

Creative Writing
Please choose one of the following:
Grades 2-6

Wed. or Thurs.	4:00 pm

Class limit - 40

Dial in to the Library

The Library's online catalog is once again available for dial-up access from your home or office computer. The phone number is 675-0750 and the settings are as follows: speed - up to 9600, 8 databits, 1 stop bit, no parity. When connected, press Return until you get a "login" prompt, then enter the word *library* in lower case letters and press Return. This will take you to the initial searching menu, where you're ready to begin.

No New Tax Forms

The Morton Grove Public Library no longer carries Illinois Department of Revenue and Internal Revenue Service tax forms. Forms can be obtained by calling or visiting the following offices:

Internal Revenue Service
8125 River Dr.
Suite 103
Northgrove Corporate Park
Morton Grove, IL 60053
(800) 829-1040
(River Dr. is off of Lehigh, north of Oakton.)

Illinois Dept. of Revenue
9511 West Harrison Ave.
Des Plaines, IL 60016
(312) 814-5232 or
(800) 356-6302

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Reference Round-up

The envelope please...Oscar time is almost here! Bring yourself up to speed on the nominees with ***Leonard Maltin's Movie Encyclopedia***, an up-to-the-minute guide to filmdom's greatest actors and directors, past and present. Long to bandy about impressive sounding movie terms like "montage," or "tracking shot"? Take a browse through the new edition of Ephraim Katz's ***The Film Encyclopedia*** to increase your cinephile vocabulary. And...if you're planning to cruise the video store in search of Oscar winning performances, consult ***Videohound's Golden Movie Retriever*** for lists of Academy honorees of all description, as well as Cannes, Golden Globe and Director's Guild of America winners.

In the market for a new car? Before you sign on the line, take a look at ***The Lemon Book: Auto Rights for New and Used Cars,*** offering essential advice on consumer protection organizations, auto dealerships, and other "lemon aid." Jack Gillis is back with more sound car buying advice in ***The Car Book 1995***, and you can get detailed descriptions of the '95 models in the ***Consumer Guide Automobile Book***. Used car buyers may find some sobering news in the ***Used Car Reliability and Safety Guide***, a compilation of reports and complaints from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

And finally...those of you seeking to cruise virtual highways in lieu of asphalt ones will find help choosing a vehicle in the new ***Computer Buying Guide***, indispensable for picking the best hardware, modems, and online systems available. When you're ready to roll, create your own roadmap to the information highway with Internet World's ***On Internet***, an international guide to the ever-expanding galaxy of electronic journals, discussion, groups, and databases accessible from your home computer. Happy trails!

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